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ELECTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 7, 2006, the Applicants elect Group I drawn to methods of reducing GAG content in a glial scar and methods of promoting neuronal regeneration and methods of screening agents. Claims in Group I include claims 1-28, 29-34, and 36.

The Applicants also elect the distinct species of an agent selected from the group consisting of DNA enzymes.

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The Applicants further elect SEQ ID NO: 33 with respect to inhibiting the expression and/or activity of a chain initiation enzyme; SEQ ID NO: 17, with respect to inhibiting expression of primary proteoglycans; and SEQ ID NO: 13 with respect to inhibiting expression and/or activity of a chain elongation enzyme.

The Applicants further elect the species directed to a nerve growth factor.

Claims readable on the elected species include claims 1-9, 12-20, 23-26, 28, 29-34 and 36. Examination of claims 1-9, 12-20, 23-26, 28, and 29-34 is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees for this Election to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

Respectfully submitted,

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